

ABSTRACT

Title:

Analysis of goalkeeper's kick – off of Croatia and Belgium teams at the world cup 2018

Objectives:

The aim of the work is to make analysis of goal kicks of teams Belgium and Croatia at the World Cup 2018. Cut shots with all goal kicks and then evaluate which method of goal kick is the most frequently used and how the particular method was effective. Create a DVD with edited shots of all goal kicks from the watched teams.

Methods:

The source of data and information gathering was a method of mediated observation of matches from the 2018 World Cup in Russia. The ensemble was represented by teams of Croatia and Belgium. Fourteen matches were analyzed in total. All goal kicks were cut from all watched matches in the program, which is called Instat. Then was every goal kick redraw in program Drillbook and then was analyzed. I investigated which way of the goal kick was used, which player was addressee of the pass, how many passes team done before they lost the ball and the zones, where team lost the ball.

Results:

Based on the seven matches of each team, it was found that Belgium played 61 goal kicks and Croatia 60. Belgium played in 64 % cases short distance passes and only 36 % kick – offs, the Croats decided to kick off in 55 % cases and in 45 % cases were short distance passes. From the perspective of zones where both teams lost control of the ball, Belgium was more successful than Croatia because the Belgians most often lost the ball in the offensive zone while the Croats lost the ball most often in the middle attack zone. Belgium had almost twice the average number of passes for one goal kick, which was played after a short distance pass than Croatia, while the Croats had a higher average number of passes per kick – off.

Keywords:

Goalkeeper, football, analysis